

ROANOKE THE MAGIC CITY.

The Story of Its Growth Boiled Down.

What Roanoke Has Done and What She is Still Doing—Notwithstanding the Close Money Market \$10,000,000 in Improvements Already in Sight—The Population, Industries and Advantages of the Wonder of the Valley.

Roanoke has a population of over 22,000. Its citizens are from nearly every State in the Union. Eight years ago it had 600 people. Its growth at present is on a more solid basis and more rapid than ever before in its history.

Roanoke is located at the junction of the Shenandoah and Roanoke valleys. Its altitude is 907 feet and it is surrounded by a rich agricultural and mineral country.

Roanoke is distant just eight hours' ride from Washington and Norfolk, nine from Baltimore, twelve from Philadelphia, and fourteen from New York. It is situated at the junction of the Shenandoah Valley and Norfolk and Western railroads, both trunk lines, and is easily reached from any section of the country.

The Roanoke and Southern railroad is now being built to this place from Winston, N. C., and will open up the trade of the Carolinas to this section next fall. The Valley branch of the Baltimore and Ohio runs to Lexington, forty miles distant, and a road filling the connecting link will be constructed to Roanoke in a short time.

The growth of the city dates from 1882, when the headquarters of the Norfolk and Western were removed here from Lynchburg, the Shenandoah Valley road was completed, and the Roanoke Machine Works, employing at present 1,700 hands, was established. Since then millions of dollars have flowed into the city in the establishment of manufactures and other business enterprises.

Coal and iron and the rich agricultural lands of the section have contributed to the growth.

Roanoke has sixty-five miles of streets and eight miles of street railway inside the corporate limits. A dummy line extends to Vinton, a distance of two miles east, and to Salem, six miles west. Throughout the city electricity, in a short time, will take the place of horses as motive power.

The water works are sufficient to furnish a city of 50,000 inhabitants. The supply comes from a pure, cold spring that gushes from the side of Mill Mountain, and is without equal in any city in the country. It is undoubtedly a specific for many forms of kidney disease.

Light is furnished by the Gas Company and the Electric Light and Motor Power Company.

The property valuation, according to the assessment of this year, is nearly \$9,000,000, besides the railroad property and the Roanoke Machine Works. The increase in the value of realty was about \$5,000,000 over the previous assessment of four years ago; but present values are many millions in excess of those given.

There are four fine hotels—Hotel Roanoke, the Ponce de Leon, the Continental, and Hotel Felix—besides a number of smaller ones. All of them are crowded and constantly turning away guests.

Roanoke is well supplied with BANKING FACILITIES.

The First National Bank has a capital of \$100,000; the National Exchange Bank a capital of \$100,000; the Citizens' National Bank a capital of \$100,000; the Commercial National Bank a capital of \$100,000; the Roanoke Trust, Loan and Safe Deposit Company a capital of \$250,000; the Traders' Loan, Trust and Deposit Company a capital of \$100,000; the Fidelity Loan and Trust Company a capital of \$200,000; and several private banking concerns transact a large financial business.

The Roanoke Machine Works, with a capital of \$5,000,000, pays out \$65,000 per month in wages to employees. About \$5,000,000 a year is paid in the city for wages.

Some of the important MANUFACTURING PLANTS are as follows:

Roanoke Machine Works.....	\$5,000,000
West End Iron Co.....	500,000
Crozer Steel and Iron Co.....	500,000
American Bridge Works.....	200,000
Riffe's Hydraulic Engine Works.....	50,000
Roanoke Canning Factory.....	50,000
Roanoke Rolling Mills.....	200,000
Roanoke Spike Factory.....	50,000
Roanoke Iron Co., (consisting of a 200-ton Furnace, Muck Bar Mill and Plate Mill).....	500,000
Roanoke Brewery.....	75,000
Bridgewater Carriage Company, of Roanoke.....	75,000
Gambill Flouring Mill Co.....	50,000
Roanoke Milling Company.....	50,000
Roanoke Gas and Water Co.....	250,000
Roanoke Electric Light Co.....	50,000
P. L. Terry Milling Co.....	25,000
Diamond Ice Co.....	25,000
Roanoke Ice Co.....	35,000
West End Brick and Tile Works.....	20,000
Adams Bros. & Payne Brick Co.....	20,000
Five planing mills.....	100,000
Two tobacco factories.....	50,000
Two cigar factories.....	5,000
One mattress factory.....	25,000
Cold storage company.....	50,000
Norwich Lock Manufacturing Company.....	350,000
Duval Engine Works.....	60,000
Virginia Blanket Mills Co.....	50,000
Roanoke Glass Factory.....	40,000

DEVELOPMENT COMPANIES. Some of the most important companies organized for the development of Roanoke and this section are:

Roanoke Development Co.....	\$1,100,000
Virginia Development Co.....	5,000,000
Buena Vista Land Co.....	300,000
112 Land Companies.....	7,000,000

This list is in no sense a complete one. It is given to show the diversity of industries in Roanoke. Scores of enterprises, employing capital of from \$5,000 to \$25,000, are omitted for lack of space. Numerous enterprises, with hundreds of employees and capital reckoned by the hundred thousand, are negotiating for a foothold in this South-

western Golconda, and are coming monthly, weekly, almost daily.

COMPANIES ORGANIZED IN 1890. During 1890 132 companies were organized in Roanoke, with an aggregate minimum capital of \$10,246,300. These companies are briefly summarized below:

Seventy-five land and real estate investment companies, with an aggregate capital of \$5,864,300.
Two cigarette machine companies, aggregate capital of \$400,000.
One grocery and milling company, capital \$75,000.
One coupling company, capital \$100,000.
One slicer manufacturing company, \$30,000.
One paper bag manufacturing company, \$100,000.
Five marble companies with an aggregate capital of \$220,000.
One bridge and iron company, authorized capital, \$500,000.
Two power companies, aggregate capital, \$25,000.
Two paving companies, \$20,000.
One street railway company, \$15,000.
One engine company, \$150,000.
One cold storage company, \$50,000.
Two banking companies, \$150,000.
Four loan, trust and finance companies, \$200,000.
Academy of Music Company, \$150,000.
One steam generator company, \$250,000.
One drug company, \$4,500.
Three oil companies, \$92,000.
One brewing company, \$75,000.
Five coal, coke and iron companies, \$740,000.
Ten building companies, with capital aggregating \$1,330,000.

For the year 1890 the charter books show that forty-nine charters were granted, with an aggregate minimum capital of \$1,721,350.
The increase in the number of charters in 1890 over 1889 will be seen to be eighty-three, and the increase in the minimum capital \$8,525,050.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS. The real estate transactions last year amounted to \$17,677,000 from 5,103 transfers.

For 1889 the real estate transactions amounted to about \$7,000,000 from about 3,000 real estate transfers, so that the increase in Roanoke's real estate transfers during 1890 over 1889 was approximately \$10,000,000, and the increase in the number of deeds, 2,000.

The building operations in Roanoke in 1890 amounted to over \$2,000,000. The progress of Roanoke in 1890 may be summarized as follows:
In buildings.....\$2,000,000
Real estate transactions.....17,000,000
Companies organized.....11,000,000
Increase in realty values according to assessment on taxation.....5,000,000
Total.....\$35,000,000
The population increased 6,000.
The improvements in sight for 1891 are summarized as follows:
New buildings.....\$3,000,000
New industries secured.....1,000,000
Improvement of industries established and construction of industries formerly secured.....300,000
City improvements.....500,000
Railroad improvements.....3,000,000
Land companies organized.....1,200,000
Total.....\$10,000,000

There are four public schools in the city—three for whites, with eighteen teachers, and one colored school, with five teachers.
Public school buildings to cost \$75,000 will be erected this year.
Congress has appropriated \$75,000 for the erection of a public postoffice building.

Roanoke will soon be a city of churches. The Southern Methodists, Presbyterians and Catholics all have handsome brick houses of worship. The Methodist Episcopal and Christians have neat churches.

The Baptists are erecting two fine brick churches, one to cost \$18,000, and the other \$25,000. The Lutherans are erecting a magnificent stone church to cost not less than \$50,000. The Episcopalians are erecting a \$40,000 stone church and rectory. The Southern Methodists will erect this year one \$60,000 church, one to cost \$13,000, and one neat frame structure. The German Reformed Church will erect a house of worship, and the Presbyterians will build a \$10,000 church.

Roanoke has a well organized fire department of 150 members. The city has recently awarded the contract for the Gamewell fire alarm telegraph. The department now has one fine building and another is soon to be erected. All of the three companies are supplied with modern equipments.

Special inducements are offered parties desiring to build residences on Crystal Spring property. A \$100 reduction will be made on a lot when house costing not less than \$1,500 is completed, or the company will lend \$500 to parties who will build at once.

May 8-1m
Employees for the Hardware Plant.

The Shelf Hardware Company is actively pushing toward an early erection of its plant in Roanoke. As an earnest of this THE TIMES is authorized to receive applications for employment from brass molders, bench molders, polishers, buffers, machinists and lock fitters. These applications should give references and state previous experience. In some branches of the industry raw employees may become experts in a few weeks or months, and earn large wages as piece workmen. Address all applications to "Hardware," care THE ROANOKE TIMES.

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Spring is here and summer is approaching. Prepare to keep cool by having WILKINSON & LALLEMAND, Salem, Va., make you an awning for your store or residence. apr 14-2m.

Awnings! Awnings!!
If you want an awning for your store front store or windows drop us a postal and we will come up and make estimates for you. WILKINSON & LALLEMAND, Salem, Va. apr 14-2m

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FOUR IMPORTANT INDUSTRIES

Secured by the Roanoke Development Company.

The Norwich Lock Manufacturing Company—The Duval Engine Works—The Bridgewater Carriage Works and the Virginia Blanket Mills Located, to Employ in all 625 Hands—Work to Begin Immediately.

The Roanoke Development Company is living up to the promises of its inception. It declared its purpose to bring industries to Roanoke which would employ hundreds of hands, which would represent many hundred thousands of capital, and which would disburse thousands of dollars monthly in wages. It is keeping its promises.

Below is given a schedule of its accomplishments.

The Norfolk Lock Manufacturing Company—300 hands.
The Duval Engine Works—100 hands.
The Virginia Blanket Mills Company—75 hands.

The Bridgewater Carriage Works—150 hands.

These are industries already secured, and the contracts signed. Nothing is conjectural or qualified by if, and or but. Nor must it be supposed that the Development Company proposes to stop. It has only started.

Right on the heels of these grand achievements plans will be set afoot to provide the operatives with good comfortable houses and to fully develop the advantages of its magnificent tract of 1,300 acres. Remember, this is not a speculative company, but, as its name testifies, a Development Company.

The Norwich Lock Manufacturing Company's plant, of Norwich, Conn., will be removed to Roanoke and the company has been reorganized. The minimum capital stock of the Norwich Lock Manufacturing Company of Roanoke, Va., will be \$350,000, all of which has been subscribed, and it is probable that it will be increased in the near future to \$100,000.

The charter of the company has been applied for, and the following gentlemen are the officers and directors:

President, Arthur C. Denniston, of Philadelphia, Pa.; vice-president, E. C. Pechin, of Roanoke; secretary and treasurer, Charles H. Beebe, of Norwich, Conn.; Directors: E. N. Gibbs, H. H. Osgood, Charles H. Beebe, of Norwich, Conn.; P. L. Terry, S. W. Jamison, James S. Simmons, E. C. Pechin and Arthington Gilpin, of Roanoke, and Arthur C. Denniston, of Philadelphia, Pa.

The drawings for the buildings have been made and bids have been received. The main building will cover a space of 148x200 feet and will be two stories high. Another building will be 250 feet long and 50 feet wide. It will be the aim of the company to have its buildings completed in time to prepare for the fall trade in Roanoke. The buildings, it is hoped, will be completed and the plant removed by the middle of July at the latest. This is one of the most substantial and important enterprises that has ever located in Virginia.

The contract has been closed with the Bridgewater Carriage Company for the removal of its plant to the Development Company's property. This removal was agreed upon owing to the lack of space in the present location of the plant, and also to a wish to secure additional capital for the enlargement of the business of the company. The company will occupy some three acres of land of the property of the Roanoke Development Company, and it is expected that it will increase its business to employ in the near future from 150 to 200 hands.

This company has also closed a contract with E. K. Sargeant, Jr., and G. C. McEwen, of Newark, N. J., for the removal of a woolen manufacturing plant to Roanoke. The plant owned by these gentlemen is in good condition and made up for the most part of new machinery. They have already prepared their plans and are taking in bids, and will begin constructing their buildings immediately. Their capital will be in the neighborhood of \$50,000, and they will employ some 75 hands, principally female. The company, the Virginia Blanket Mills Company, has already been formed. The buildings embrace four one-story buildings of the following dimensions: 60x200 feet, 25x25 feet, 60x100 feet, 50x100 feet.

The contract has also been closed with the Duval Engine Works for the location of their plant on this property. This company will have a capital of \$60,000 and will erect immediately three buildings of the following dimensions: One two-story building, 200x40 feet, and two one-story buildings, 150x50 feet each. Frank J. Korte is now here, to begin work on his buildings, and proposes to break ground immediately. This industry will employ at the start in the neighborhood of 100 hands.

If to this be added the furnace and rolling mill of the Roanoke Iron Company, which will employ together some 450 hands, there will be a total of employees already secured for the new industrial center of Roanoke of 1,075 hands. As the two last mentioned industries are located directly opposite this property, they will benefit the property quite as much as if they were located upon it.

The pontoon bridge has been completed for some time and this will enable the company to push rapidly the work of construction for the industries. The contract for the main bridge, which will be 50 feet in width and 632 feet in length and entirely of steel, has been let to the American Bridge and Iron Company, and work upon it is now in progress. The contract for bridge No. 2, located directly opposite the rolling mill, has been let to the Pittsburgh Bridge Company, and the work is now in progress. This bridge will be 240 feet in length. The survey of the larger part of the property is nearly completed and the work of grading has begun.

Abingdon Academy.

THE TIMES has received an invitation to the closing exercises of Abingdon Academy to be held Friday June 5, beginning at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The invitation committee is composed of G. V. Litchfield, C. N. Miller and F. N. Preston.

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AMONG THE LODGES.

The preparation for St. John's day by the Masons of this city have not yet been consummated, but it is safe to say the occasion will be one of interest.

The regular monthly meeting of Lakeland Lodge will be held on the 10th of next month. At that time the officers will be elected for the ensuing year. The most important station to be filled will be that of worshipful master. This office is now filled by J. R. Lanthorne. It is allowable and in accordance with the laws of Masonry that the master may be re-elected, but as the senior warden, G. W. Ramsey, is a bright Mason, it is not unlikely that he will be elevated to the master's chair.

The other positions to be filled are senior warden, junior warden, senior deacon, junior deacon, treasurer, secretary, and tyler. The last will be appointed by the worshipful master.

St. John's day is the 24th of June. The officers-elect will be installed at that time, and the festival will be observed according to the ancient Masonic custom.

Lakeland Lodge now has on its rolls about one hundred and forty members in good standing.

H. N. Engleke, secretary of A. W. Glynn Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., is in the city with a view of locating.

Murray chapter No. 22, Royal Arch Masons, met Thursday night and transacted the regular routine of business.

F. D. Batton, of Richmond, supreme leader of the home circle, is endeavoring to form a council of his order in Roanoke and Danville. The home circle is a beneficial organization, and is spreading rapidly in Eastern Virginia.

The basket festival of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, under the auspices of Council 37, closed last night after three nights of the most successful entertainment ever given in the city. The large halls were crowded each night, and much interest was taken in the affair by the public generally. The committee in charge managed the business very successfully, and acquitted themselves with credit. The proceeds amount to something over \$200 and will be devoted to furnishing the council with paraphernalia.

Mountain Lodge, 49, I. O. O. F. have changed their meeting night from Wednesday to Thursday. This step was taken so as not to interfere with a large number of church members who desire to attend prayer meeting on Wednesday night. Reliance council, 18, Jr. O. U. A. M., will occupy the hall on Wednesday night.

Work on the Bridges.

The foundation for the north abutment of the Randolph street overhead bridge is being laid. The approaches on the south side of the Henry street and the retaining wall is progressing as favorably as could be expected during the inclement weather. The approaches to the Park street bridge are both nearing completion.

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Dr. Samuel G. Staples has removed his office to 105 Henry street. my 7-1m.

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